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Weissenfels.

1. Between 10 and 20 July 1951, it was learned that only a guard unit of 30 to 50 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets has been quartered in the Infanterie Kaserne on the north side of Selauerstrasse, Weissenfels (M 52/J 99), since May 1951.
2. The Panzer Kaserne on the south side of Selauerstrasse also quartered only a guard detachment of about 50 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with tank insignia. Most of the 30 to 40 one-family houses, which previously billeted Soviet officer families, were vacant. There was almost no vehicular traffic. Truck [redacted] was broken in by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia.
3. The Soviets also occupied: 10 confiscated apartment houses on either side of Thornerstrasse, at the intersection of Thornerstrasse and Selauerstrasse, which housed a headquarters; heavily guarded target ranges and an ammunition dump of Selau and Borau, which were believed to belong to the two barracks installations on Selauerstrasse; and a restricted and guarded residential area on the west side of Rudolf Breitscheidstrasse. *

Bad Koesen.

4. Between 8 and 10 July, numerous recruits were seen at the engineer training site near Bad Koesen (M 52/J 78), who were either involved in engineer training on the Saale River or walked through town under the escort of NCOs. They wore blue-bordered black epaulets with engineer insignia.

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* Comment. The units of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, from Weissenfels which are believed to be the 17th Tank SP Regt, the 174th Mtz Rifle Regt and the unidentified reconnaissance battalion, have been carried at Aindel since the end of May 1951.

[redacted] the division was confirmed at Aindel until the beginning of July 1951. [redacted]

[redacted] The installation in the apartment houses was previously reported to be the Soviet komendantura. [redacted] The other installations are reported

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